Profile of American Health, 1973

Based on data collected in the Health Interview Survey



The statistics mentioned here and shown in the accompanying tables were collected during the 1973 Health Interview Survey—a continuing nationwide survey conducted by household interview. Each week a probability sample of households is interviewed by trained personnel of the U.S. Bureau of the Census to obtain information about the health and other characteristics of each member of the household. Specifications for the interview are established by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), part of the Health Resources Administration. The data are coded, edited, and tabulated by NCHS, which releases a series of statistical reports on the health status of the American public.

During the 52 weeks of 1973, the sample was composed of approximately 44,000 households containing about 134,000 persons living at the time of the interview and selected to represent the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States. The tables reproduced here show rates only and do not give frequency statistics.

THE AVERAGE AMERICAN visited a physician five times, a dentist 1.6 times, lost 5.4 days of work (for those 17 years and older), and youngsters 6 to 16 years old missed 5.1 days of school during 1973.

Of course, the "average" American is a statistical myth, a composite of figures which apply to all ages, races, income levels, and to men and women. For example, the National Health Survey figures paint the average "poor" American

(those with incomes below \$5,000) as having visited a physician 5.7 times, a dentist 1.1 times, and losing 6.8 days of work and 7.3 days of school. If the "poor" American is nonwhite,

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statistics for those same categories are 5.1 physician visits, 0.7 dental visit, 8.9 work-loss days, and 6.4 school-loss days.

These statistics merely indicate that certain conditions exist and that these conditions may vary dramatically by income level, by race, by age, or by sex. But, the answer to why these conditions exist must come from interpretation of the data by other sources.

For convenience, highlights of the tables are presented under these major groups: Acute Conditions, Disability, and Utilization of Medical Services.

Acute Conditions

During 1973, the estimated incidence rate per 100 persons per year for acute conditions was 175.1 (table 1). Acute conditions are those short-term illnesses and injuries for which the person either sought medical attention or experienced one or more days of restricted activity. The number of reported "acute conditions" decreased by age, with 254.0 reported by those under 17 years compared with 88.2 for those 65 years and older. Whites reported a higher incidence (180.9) than nonwhites (135.1).

On the average for all Americans, the higher the family income, the greater the number of acute conditions reported—163.8 by those earning under \$5,000 and 183.4 by those earning \$10,000 and over. However, this average did not hold for

nonwhites, who reported the highest number of acute conditions (143.5) for the lowest family income and the lowest acute condition rate (124.4) for mid-level family income.

Disability

Disability refers to any temporary or long-term reduction of a person's activity due to acute or chronic conditions. Restricted activity, bed disability, work-loss days, and school-loss days are reported in the health interview in association with specific acute and chronic conditions. A day of restricted activity is one in which a person substantially reduces his normal activity for the whole day due to an illness or injury. Each day spent in bed for all or most of the day is also counted as a day of restricted activity, as are days lost from work or school.

There were an estimated 16.5 days of restricted activity per person in 1973 as a result of chronic and acute illness or injuries (table 2). The number of restricted activity days per person ranged from 10.7 days for children under 17 years of age to 33.5 days for persons 65 years and over. Not only did the number of restricted activity days increase with age, they usually increased with lower family income; the families with less than \$5,000 income averaged 28.8 days of restricted activity in contrast to 12.6 days for families with incomes of \$10,000 or more. Whites averaged 2.7 fewer days of restricted activity than nonwhites,



and men averaged 3.4 fewer days than women. The number of bed disability days per person in 1973 was 6.4; whites averaged 1.9 fewer days than nonwhites, and men averaged 2.0 fewer days than women (table 3).

Days lost from work as a result of illness or injury amounted to 5.4 days per currently employed person 17 years and over (table 4). In the age group 17-44 years, men lost 4.6 work days and women lost 5.8. However, the survey does not count days "lost" when a mother takes leave to care for a sick child, nor does it count routine maternity leave as an illness. Lower income family members averaged more work-loss days (6.8) than the upper income levels (5.0). In general, nonwhites averaged more work-loss days (6.7) than did their white counterparts (5.3).

Children 6-16 years old lost 5.1 school days per person (table 5). In the number of schoolloss days, income again had an effect; the higher the family income, the fewer days lost from school. Children from the poorest families lost 7.3 days compared with 4.6 days for children from families with incomes of \$10,000 or more.

Limitation of activity is a measure of long-term reduction in activity resulting from chronic disease or impairment and is defined as (a) inability to carry on the usual activity for one's age-sex group—such as working, keeping house, or going to school, (b) restriction in the amount or kind of usual activity, or (c) restriction in other activities, such as civic, church, or recreation. Approximately 13.5 percent of the population report some extent of limitation (table 6). Three-quar-

ters of those with a limitation are limited in their major activity (working, keeping house, or going to school), while more than 20 percent of those with a limitation are unable to carry on their major activities (tables 7 and 8).

Age is the single most important determinant in degree of reduction of activity, but income levels also have a significant impact. About 3.4 percent of the persons under 17 years of age report limitation of activity, while about 44.1 percent of persons 65 years and over are limited in their activities by one or more chronic conditions. The average statistics for all ages show that 27.6 percent of the "poor" (incomes under \$5,000) report some degree of limitation, compared with 8.6 percent of those with income in the \$10,000 plus bracket (table 6). In the limitation of major activity, 22.9 percent of the poor versus 5.6 percent of the highest income category are affected (table 7). The income disparity is even more marked in the area of those unable to carry on their major activity: 8.9 percent of the poor compared with only 1.2 percent of those making over \$10,000 (table 8).

Utilization of Medical Services

There were an estimated 13.9 discharges from short-stay hospitals per 100 population in 1973, not including persons discharged dead (table 9). As could be expected, the number of discharges increase for the older population (a rate of 23.8 for those 65 years and over) compared with younger persons (a rate of 7.0 for those under 17 years of age).

The average length of stay per hospital discharge was 8.1 days (table 10). Children under 17 stayed an average of 5.7 days compared with 12.2 days for persons 65 and older. In the 17-44 age bracket, women experienced more hospital discharges (21.2) than men (9.5) but averaged shorter stays (5.5 days compared with 7.6 for men); these differences are primarily due to hospitalization for delivery. On the average, whites had more hospital discharges (14.1) than non-whites (13.2) and stayed fewer days (7.9 compared with 9.2 for nonwhites).

Approximately 10.7 percent of the population was hospitalized at least once during 1973 (table 11). There is no marked difference for race whites averaged 10.8 and nonwhites 10.2. However, age and sex differences are notable; persons under 17 years averaged 5.6 percent hospitalization rate while those over 65 years averaged 16.8 percent hospitalization rate. Males averaged 8.8 percent and females 12.5 percent hospitalization rates. Lower income nonwhites had lower hospitalization rates than low income whites (12.1 percent for nonwhites compared with 14.7 percent for whites). With higher income, the percentage difference between the races became much smaller: 9.2 percent for nonwhites and 9.3 percent for whites in the \$10,000 plus income bracket.

In 1973, there were 1.6 visits to the dentist per person per year; however, race and income seem to be prime determinants in the number of visits (table 12). Whites visited the dentist almost twice as many times as nonwhites (1.7 to 0.9).

Young, low-income nonwhites had the lowest recorded number of visits (0.5 dental visit), while whites in this same category had 1.1 visits.

Less than half, 48.9 percent, of the American population saw a dentist in 1973 (table 13). This translates into 51.1 percent of the white population and 33.7 percent of the nonwhite population. The elderly fared badly too, with only 27.3 percent of those 65 years and over seeing a dentist during the past year.

The picture improves on physician visits (table 14). During 1973, about 75 percent of all Americans consulted a physician (the survey counts either an office visit or a telephone consultation as a physician-patient encounter). The averages are 75.1 percent for whites and 70.7 percent for nonwhites. Women 17-44 years old had the highest percentage of physician visits, 83.6 percent as opposed to 68.3 percent for men in the same age group. The lowest percentage was for nonwhites under 17 years of age with a rate of 65.1 percent.

The three-quarters of the population who did contact a physician averaged enough visits so that the number of physician visits per person averaged 5.0 in 1973 (table 15). Nonwhites averaged 4.5 visits and whites 5.1 visits per person.

Tables 16–18 show the population, in thousands, used in computing the rates for the preceding tables. More specific and detailed reports on the 1973 Health Interview Survey will become available from the National Center for Health Statistics.



Table 1. Number of acute conditions per 100 persons by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

A no and Constitutions		Both sexes	.		Male		Female			
Age and family income -	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	
All ages										
All family incomes 1	175.1 163.8 177.7 183.4	180.9 170.6 186.7 187.1	135.1 143.5 124.4 134.1	171.3 160.9 178.7 175.5	177.6 171.8 190.7 178.4	126.8 128.8 109.0 136.4	178.7 165.9 176.8 191.6	184.1 169.8 183.0 196.0	142.4 154.1 139.3 131.7	
Under 17 years				•						
All family incomes ¹	254.0 234.3 247.9 261.6	269.7 301.1 266.7 269.1	168.6 158.6 162.5 163.6	257.4 242.1 254.7 264.1	274.6 314.4 280.8 270.3	162.1 137.1 139.4 182.6	250.4 237.6 240.8 259.0	264.6 286.2 252.4 267.8	175.2 178.6 187.2 143.7	
17-44 years										
All family incomes ¹	172.8 209.0 177.1 169.5	178.4 218.9 187.9 172.9	134.2 179.9 115.5 130.4	158.1 186.7 170.9 153.1	163.3 188.4 183.5 156.0	119.3 180.7 96.8 118.1	186.5 225.5 182.6 185.4	192.7 243.4 191.9 189.0	146.6 179.4 131.5 142.7	
45-64 years										
All family incomes ¹	102.3 101.1 109.3 104.6	104.7 105.0 115.7 105.7	80.5 86.9 62.1 86.1	92.9 70.8 92.6 91.7	95.4 91.3 106.4 97.1	69.4 (2) (2) (2)	110.7 108.2 118.1 113.2	113.1 112.0 123.2 115.1	89.8 94.0 (2) (2)	
65 years and over										
All family incomes ¹	88.2 90.1 90.7 92.8	89.0 91.6 90.7 91.4	80.3 78.9 (2) (2)	85.8 70.9 90.1 73.1	85.9 81.8 96.3 76.7	(2) (2) (2) (2)	89.9 97.5 82.2 103.7	93.5 97.2 85.8 104.4	77.2 (2) (2) (2)	

Includes unknown income.
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Table 2. Number of restricted activity days per person per year by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

A on and family income		Both sexe	s		Male		Female		
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages									
All family incomes ¹	16.5 28.8 16.5 12.6	16.1 29.0 16.6 12.6	18.8 28.2 15.5 12.0	14.7 26.5 15.8 11.5	14.6 27.6 16.3 11.5	15.5 23.3 13.0 11.1	18.1 30.4 17.1 13.7	17.6 30.0 17.0 13.8	21.7 31.8 17.8 13.0
Under 17 years									
All family incomes Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	10.7 13.4 9.8 10.4	11.0 15.6 10.6 10.6	8.8 11.3 6.5 7.3	10.5 13.6 9.6 10.4	10.9 16.4 10.3 10.6	8.2 9.5 6.5 7.5	10.8 13.9 10.0 10.3	11.1 14.7 10.8 10.6	9.4 12.9 6.5 7.1
17-44 years									
All family incomes ¹ Under \$5,000 \$5,000–9,999 \$10,000 and over	13.6 21.1 14.6 11.7	13.0 19.4 14.5 11.6	17.2 25.8 15.6 12.9	11.4 17.3 13.3 9.8	11.2 16.5 14.0 9.6	12.5 20.1 9.1 11.1	15.6 23.8 15.9 13.6	14.8 21.7 14.9 13.5	21.1 29.1 21.0 14.8
45–64 years									
All family incomes 1. Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	22.6 45.7 25.1 15.3	21.5 44.2 24.5 15.2	32.2 51.0 29.3 16.3	21.4 53.5 27.0 14.2	20.6 54.8 26.3 14.2	28.9 49.1 31.8 13.8	23.6 41.6 23.5 16.5	22.4 38.8 23.1 16.3	35.0 52.0 26.8 19.3
65 years and over									
All family incomes ¹ Under \$5,000 \$5,000–9,999 \$10,000 and over	33.5 39.2 28.0 28.2	31.7 36.5 26.8 28.0	52.1 59.9 46.6 31.0	29.9 36.9 25.8 25.6	28.1 34.4 24.8 24.6	47.6 52.9 39.3 45.2	36.0 40.6 30.1 30.5	35.0 37.6 28.6 31.1	55.5 65.0 54.2 19.1

¹ Includes unknown income.

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Table 3. Number of bed disability days per person per year by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

A constant Constant Inches		Both sexe	s		Male		Female			
Age and family income -	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	
All ages										
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	6.4 10.7 6.5 4.8	6.1 10.5 6.3 4.8	8.0 11.4 7.5 4.8	5.3 9.7 5.8 4.0	5.2 10.2 5.8 3.9	6.1 8.5 5.8 4.4	7.3 11.4 7.2 5.7	7.0 10.7 6.8 5.8	9.6 13.5 9.2 5.3	
Under 17 years										
All family incomes ¹	4.5 6.1 4.5 4.1	4.6 7.4 4.9 4.1	3.8 4.7 3.1 3.4	4.3 6.2 4.3 3.8	4.4 8.3 4.7 3.8	3.5 3.3 2.8 3.8	4.8 6.3 4.8 4.4	4.9 6.5 5.0 4.6	4.2 6.0 3.5 2.9	
17–44 years										
All family incomes ¹	5.4 8.3 5.7 4.6	5.1 7.5 5.5 4.5	7.6 10.4 7.3 5.5	3.9 5.1 4.6 3.3	3.7 4.6 4.8 3.2	4.8 6.6 3.5 4.6	6.8 10.7 6.7 5.8	6.3 9.9 6.0 5.8	9.9 12.7 10.6 6.4	
45–64 years										
All family incomes ¹	7.8 15.5 8.7 5.1	7.3 14.6 8.1 5.1	12.2 18.6 13.0 5.7	7.1 18.6 8.9 4.5	6.9 19.6 8.2 4.5	9.6 15.2 13.0 4.4	8.3 13.9 8.5 5.8	7.6 12.1 7.9 5.7	14.5 20.5 13.0 7.3	
65 years and over										
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	13.1 14.1 11.5 13.2	12.1 12.5 10.3 13.6	23.1 25.9 29.9 (2)	11.7 14.3 9.5 10.5	10.7 12.8 8.2 10.7	21.8 24.3 28.3 (2)	14.1 14.0 13.2 15.5	13.5 12.4 12.1 16.2	24.1 27.2 31.5 (2)	

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Table 4. Number of work-loss days per currently employed person per year by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

		Both sexe	s		Male		Female		
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages 17 years and over									
All family incomes ¹	5.4 6.8 6.3 5.0	5.3 6.3 6.3 4.8	6.7 8.9 6.3 6.7	5.2 6.8 6.3 4.7	5.1 6.2 6.5 4.6	6.0 9.4 5.1 6.0	5.8 6.8 6.3 5.4	5.6 6.4 6.0 5.2	7.4 8.4 8.0 7.7
17–44 years									
All family incomes ¹	5.1 6.5 5.9 4.7	4.8 5.9 5.7 4.4	7.0 8.5 6.7 7.4	4.6 5.6 5.6 4.3	4.5 5.2 5.7 4.1	5.8 7.5 4.6 6.7	5.8 7.5 6.4 5.3	5.4 6.9 5.8 5.0	8.5 9.5 9.4 8.3
45–64 years									
All family incomes ¹	5.9 7.5 7.3 5.4	6.0 6.8 7.7 5.4	5.7 9.7 5.0 4.6	6.0 9.8 8.1 5.3	6.0 8.2 8.4 5.4	6.4 14.4 6.0 3.5	5.8 5.8 6.3 5.5	5.9 5.7 6.7 5.5	4.8 6.1 (2) 6.2
65 years and over									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000–9,999. \$10,000 and over.	6.2 7.0 4.8 6.8	6.0 6.8 4.3 6.6	8.3 8.2 (2) (2)	6.8 7.9 5.6 7.5	6.7 7.9 5.0 6.7	(2) (2) (2) (2)	5.2 6.3 (2) (2)	4.6 5.7 (2) (2)	(2) (2) (2) (2)

¹ Includes unknown income.

Table 5. Number of school-loss days per person aged 6-16 years per year by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

A A Constitution and	Both sexes			Male			Female		
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages 6–16 years									
All family incomes ¹		5.1 8.0 5.4 4.7	4.9 6.4 3.5 3.8	4.7 6.6 4.6 4.3	4.8 8.5 5.0 4.3	4.1 4.1 3.0 4.3	5.5 8.0 5.4 4.9	5.5 7.5 5.7 5.0	5.7 8.6 3.9 3.2

¹ Includes unknown income.

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Table 6. Percent of persons with limitation of activity due to chronic conditions by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

A 16	•	Both sexe	s		Male			Female	
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages									
All family incomes ¹	13.5 27.6 13.8 8.6	13.4 29.4 14.3 8.7	13.8 22.2 10.5 7.6	13.5 29.0 14.4 9.0	13.6 31.5 15.0 9.1	13.2 21.5 10.9 8.1	13.4 26.6 13.2 8.1	13.3 27.9 13.7 8.2	14.3 22.7 10.1 7.1
Under 17 years									
All family incomes ¹	3.4 4.2 3.6 3.0	3.4 4.6 3.6 3.1	3.3 4.0 3.8 2.1	3.8 5.3 4.0 3.2	3.8 5.6 3.9 3.5	3.8 4.8 4.3 (2)	2.9 3.4 3.2 2.6	3.0 3.5 3.2 2.7	2.7 3.2 3.2 (2)
17–44 years									
All family incomes ¹	8.5 14.3 9.2 6.9	8.3 13.5 9.2 7.0	10.1 16.6 8.9 6.3	9.0 15.1 10.1 7.4	8.9 15.2 10.3 7.4	9.5 14.6 8.4 7.4	8.1 13.7 8.3 6.4	7.7 12.1 8.2 6.6	10.7 17.7 9.3 5.1
45–64 years									
All family incomes ¹	23.3 46.1 25.7 16.1	22.6 45.3 26.3 16.1	29.7 48.9 21.7 16.6	24.3 57.2 28.0 17.2	23.8 58.1 28.7 17.2	28.8 54.0 23.3 16.1	22.5 40.3 23.8 15.0	21.6 38.8 24.3 14.9	30.4 46.2 20.1 17.2
65 years and over	•								
All family incomes ¹	44.1 50.1 40.9 35.2	42.9 48.7 40.5 34.4	56.0 60.7 47.2 49.4	46.3 57.2 41.5 30.5	45.1 56.3 40.9 32.0	57.3 62.5 49.7 47.5	42.6 45.9 40.4 37.4	42.5 44.2 40.1 36.6	54.9 59.4 44.7 51.0

Includes unknown income.
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Percent of persons with limitation in major activity due to chronic conditions by sex, color, Table 7. age, and family income, United States, 1973

A so and family income		Both sexe	s		Male			Female	
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	10.2 22.9 10.7 5.6	10.0 24.2 11.1 5.6	11.2 18.8 8.4 5.4	10.2 25.5 11.3 5.6	10,1 27.5 11.7 5.6	11.0 19.6 8.7 5.3	10.1 21.0 10.2 5.7	9.9 21.9 10.5 5.7	11.5 18.2 8.2 5.5
Under 17 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	1.9 2.6 2.2 1.5	1.8 2.6 2.1 1.6	2.2 2.8 2.4 (2)	2.0 3.2 2.3 1.7	1.9 3.0 2.2 1.7	2.5 3.4 2.0 (2)	1.7 2.2 2.1 1.4	1.7 2.2 2.0 1.4	1.8 2.2 (2) (2)
17–44 years									
All family incomes ¹	5.4 10.1 6.1 4.0	5.1 9.3 6.0 4.0	7.2 12.5 6.6 3.6	5.6 11.4 6.6 3.9	5.4 11.0 6.7 3.9	6.6 12.9 6.0 3.5	5.3 9.1 5.5 4.1	4.9 7.8 5.2 4.1	7.8 12.3 7.1 3.7
45–64 years									
All family incomes ¹	18.4 40.4 21.1 11.2	17.6 39.4 21.4 11.1	25.9 44.2 18.7 12.9	19.1 53.8 23.4 11.3	18.3 54.2 23.9 11.2	26.1 52.4 20.1 12.7	17.8 33.5 19.1 11.2	16.9 31.8 19.3 11.1	25.8 39.8 17.3 13.1
65 years and over									
All family incomes ¹	37.7 42.7 35.9 29.7	36.5 41.3 35.3 28.8	49.8 53.1 43.7 48.3	41.8 52.2 37.4 28.3	40.6 51.3 36.8 27.4	53.8 58.0 47.1 45.0	34.8 37.0 34.4 31.0	34.6 35.5 34.1 29.9	46.8 49.5 40.8 51.0

 ¹ Includes unknown income.
 2 Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.



Table 8. Percent of persons unable to carry on major activity due to chronic conditions by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

A count of Country to the country]	Both sexe	s		Male		Female			
Age and family income -	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	
All ages										
All family incomes ¹	3.1 8.9 3.1 1.2	3.0 9.4 3.1 1.1	4.1 7.5 2.6 1.9	4.7 16.6 4.8 1.4	4.5 17.9 5.0 1.3	6.0 12.7 3.5 2.2	1.6 3.5 1.4 .9	1.5 3.4 1.4 .9	2.5 3.7 1.7 1.6	
Under 17 years										
All family incomes ¹	.2 .5 .3 .1	.2 (2) .3 .1	.4 (2) (2) (2)	.2 (2) (2) (2)	.2 (2) (2) (2)	(2) (2) (2) (2)	0.2 (2) (2) (2)	.2 (2) (2) (2)	(2) (2) (2) (2)	
17–44 years										
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	1.0 2.9 1.0 .5	.9 2.8 .9 .5	1.7 3.4 1.3 (2)	1.4 5.1 1.6 .6	1.3 4.7 1.6 .6	2.6 6.3 (2) (2)	.6 1.3 .4 .4	.5 1.2 (2) .4	1.0 (2) (2) (2)	
45–64 years										
All family incomes ¹	5.2 16.2 5.8 2.1	4.8 16.0 5.7 1.9	9.1 17.2 6.0 4.7	8.6 37.1 10.5 2.8	8.0 38.3 10.6 2.6	14.1 32.9 9.7 5.9	2.2 5.4 1.8 1.3	1.9 4.5 1.7 1.2	4.9 8.6 (2) (2)	
65 years and over										
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000–9,999. \$10,000 and over.	16.1 17.9 14.6 13.7	15.0 16.7 14.1 12.9	26.7 27.3 23.6 30.1	27.5 37.2 22.4 15.4	26.1 35.6 22.0 14.7	41.2 47.4 27.4 (2)	8.0 6.5 7.7 12.2	7.4 5.7 7.0 11.3	15.6 12.5 (2) (2)	

 ¹ Includes unknown income.
 2 Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Number of short-stay hospital discharges per 100 persons per year by sex, color, age, and Table 9. family income, United States, 1973

A 1 C		Both sexe	s		Male		Female		
Age and family income -	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages									
All family incomes ¹	13.9 19.3 15.1 11.7	14.1 20.6 15.6 11.7	13.2 15.6 12.2 11.7	11.6 17.2 12.3 10.0	11.8 18.6 12.9 10.1	10.3 13.0 9.0 9.0	16.1 20.9 17.7 13.5	16.2 22.0 18.1 13.4	15.7 17.5 15.2 14.5
Under 17 years									
All family incomes ¹	7.0 9.5 7.1 6.2	7.0 10.8 7.4 6.2	7.0 8.3 5.8 6.4	7.4 9.9 7.4 6.7	7.6 11.2 7.9 6.8	6.2 7.9 5.2 5.6	6.7 9.6 6.7 5.7	6.5 10.3 6.8 5.5	7.8 8.7 6.3 7.1
17–44 years									
All family incomes ¹	15.6 19.8 18.2 13.6	15.3 18.4 18.7 13.5	17.4 23.6 15.6 14.8	9.5 11.7 10.2 9.0	9.4 10.6 10.8 8.9	10.4 15.6 6.9 10.2	21.2 25.7 25.5 18.2	20.9 24.7 26.0 18.1	23.2 28.2 23.1 19.4
45–64 years									
All family incomes 1	16.6 22.5 17.9 14.5	16.8 24.2 18.2 14.6	14.9 16.6 15.7 12.7	17.1 28.5 18.5 14.9	17.3 31.2 18.7 15.1	15.3 19.3 17.4 10.7	16.2 19.5 17.4 14.1	16.4 20.6 17.8 14.1	14.7 15.1 14.0 15.2
65 years and over									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000–9,999. \$10,000 and over.	23.8 25.0 22.8 24.4	24.2 25.9 22.5 24.7	19.6 18.6 26.2 (2)	24.6 25.7 25.5 23.2	24.7 26.6 24.9 23.4	23.5 19.5 (2) (2)	23.2 24.6 20.3 25.4	24.4 25.4 20.4 25.8	16.6 17.9 (2) (2)

¹ Includes unknown income.
² Figure does not meet standards of reliability or pre-



Table 10. Average length of stay for discharges from short-stay hospitals by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

Age and family income]	Both sexe	s		Male		Female		
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	8.1 9.8 8.3 6.9	7.9 9.9 8.1 6.8	9.2 9.5 10.2 8.0	9.1 11.3 10.4 7.3	8.7 11.1 9.9 7.1	12.1 11.9 15.1 10.1	7.4 9.0 7.0 6.6	7.4 9.2 6.9 6.6	7.5 8.2 7.4 6.6
Under 17 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	5.7 6.4 5.9 5.1	5.4 5.5 5.6 5.0	7.6 7.9 7.8 (²)	5.3 5.8 6.1 4.4	5.0 4.9 5.6 4.3	7.8 (2) (2) (2)	6.2 7.0 5.7 5.9	5.9 6.2 5.5 5.8	7.5 8.1 (2) (2)
17–44 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	6.1 6.3 6.4 5.9	6.0 6.0 6.2 5.7	7.2 6.8 7.6 7.1	7.6 6.5 9.7 6.6	7.0 6.4 8.7 6.3	11.0 (2) 19.1 9.7	5.5 6.2 5.2 5.5	5.5 5.9 5.3 5.5	5.8 6.8 4.7 5.7
45–64 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	10.2 12.6 11.4 8.6	9.8 12.0 10.9 8.5	13.5 15.9 15.1 10.4	11.5 16.2 13.2 9.3	11.1 15.3 12.8 9.2	16.4 21.1 16.1 (2)	8.9 9.9 9.7 7.8	8.6 9.4 9.3 7.8	11.0 12.2 (2) (2)
65 years and over									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000–9,999. \$10,000 and over.	12.2 12.4 12.1 11.7	12.0 12.4 11.6 11.6	14.1 12.8 19.0 (2)	12.2 13.0 12.1 10.5	11.9 12.6 11.9 10.1	15.2 16.8 (2) (2)	12.2 12.0 12.3 12.6	12.1 12.2 11.4 12.7	12.9 (2) (2) (2)

¹ Includes unknown income.

² Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Table 11. Percent of persons with 1 or more short-stay hospital episodes in the past 12 months by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

And and family income		Both sexe	s		Male		Female			
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	
All ages										
All family incomes ¹	10.7 14.1 11.5 9.3	10.8 14.7 11.9 9.3	10.2 12.1 9.2 9.2	8.8 12.4 9.1 7.7	8.7 13.4 9.6 7.8	7.7 9.3 6.8 7.0	12.5 15.3 13.8 10.9	12.6 15.6 14.1 10.8	12.4 14.2 11.6 11.5	
Under 17 years										
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	5.6 7.0 5.4 5.2	5.6 8.0 5.7 5.2	5.1 5.9 4.2 4.8	5.8 7.4 5.7 5.5	6.0 8.8 6.0 5.5	4.8 5.3 4.5 4.7	5.3 6.8 5.1 4.8	5.3 7.2 5.4 4.9	5.3 6.5 3.9 4.7	
17–44 years					-					
All family incomes ¹	12.5 15.5 14.5 11.0	12.2 14.3 14.8 10.9	14.1 18.7 12.8 12.1	7.6 9.4 8.3 7.0	7.5 9.0 8.7 7.0	7.8 10.5 6.2 7.5	17.0 20.0 20.0 15.0	16.7 18.6 20.3 14.8	19.3 23.5 18.4 16.8	
45–64 years										
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	12.3 15.3 13.2 11.1	12.4 15.9 13.5 11.1	11.5 13.2 11.3 9.8	12.1 17.6 12.9 11.0	12.2 18.4 13.2 11.1	11.4 14.8 11.2 9.1	12.5 14.1 13.5 11.1	12.6 14.6 13.7 11.1	11.5 12.3 11.2 10.6	
65 years and over										
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	16.8 17.7 16.2 16.4	17.1 18.1 16.3 16.6	14.0 15.1 14.6 (2)	17.6 18.8 17.0 16.3	17.7 19.2 17.0 16.4	16.0 15.9 (2) (2)	16.3 17.0 15.4 16.4	17.1 17.4 15.7 16.8	12.4 14.4 (2) (2)	

¹ Includes unknown income.

² Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.



Table 12. Number of dental visits per person per year by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

A so and fourths in some		Both sexe	s		Male			Female	
Age and family income -	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages									
All family incomes ¹ Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over	1.6 1.1 1.3 2.0	1.7 1.3 1.3 2.0	0.9 .7 .8 1.4	1.4 1.0 1.0 1.8	1.5 1.1 1.1 1.8	0.9 .5 .8 1.4	1.8 1.3 1.5 2.2	1.9 1.4 1.6 2.2	1.0 .8 .8 1.4
Under 17 years									
All family incomes ¹ Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over	1.6 .8 1.0 2.1	1.8 1.1 1.1 2.2	.7 .5 .5 1.0	1.5 .7 .8 2.0	1.6 .9 .9 2.1	.6 (2) (2) 0.9	1.7 .9 1.2 2.2	1.9 1.3 1.3 2.3	.7 (2) (2) 1.0
17-44 years									
All family incomes ¹	1.7 1.5 1.4 1.9	1.8 1.7 1.5 1.9	1.1 1.1 1.1 1.4	1.4 1.4 1.2 1.5	1.5 1.5 1.2 1.6	1.0 (2) 1.1 1.2	1.9 1.6 1.6 2.2	2.0 1.8 1.7 2.2	1.3 1.2 1.1 1.7
45–64 years							1		
All family incomes ¹	1.7 1.2 1.4 2.1	1.8 1.3 1.5 2.1	1.2 .9 .8 2.3	1.5 .9 1.0 1.9	1.6 1.0 1.1 1.8	1.4 (2) (2) 2.9	1.9 1.4 1.7 2.3	2.0 1.5 1.8 2.4	1.1 (2) (2) (2)
65 years and over									
All family incomes ¹	1.1 0.9 1.2 1.7	1.2 1.0 1.2 1.7	(2) (2) (2) (2)	1.0 .7 1.1 1.6	1.1 .8 1.1 1.6	(2) (2) (2) (2)	1.2 1.0 1.3 1.7	1.3 1.1 1.3 1.8	(2) (2) (2) (2)

 ¹ Includes unknown income.
 ² Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Table 13. Percent of persons with dental visit in past 12 months by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

Age and family income -		Both sexe	s	Male			Female		
	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	48.9 32.8 40.8 59.0	51.1 34.2 42.1 60.3	33.7 28.8 33.5 41.6	47.0 31.3 38.0 56.4	49.2 32.8 39.1 57.7	31.9 26.8 31.5 39.3	50.6 34.0 43.4 61.6	52.9 35.2 44.8 62.9	35.2 30.3 35.5 44.1
Under 17 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	49.2 31.3 37.6 59.7	52.7 35.5 39.4 61.3	30.7 27.4 29.9 37.8	48.3 30.9 37.0 58.8	51.7 34.7 38.8 60.4	29.8 25.4 29.3 37.2	50.2 33.2 38.3 60.6	53.7 36.4 40.0 62.3	31.6 29.3 30.5 38.5
17-44 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	55.2 48.3 47.4 61.1	57.2 51.1 48.8 62.4	41.0 39.9 39.4 45.7	51.4 46.5 43.2 56.8	53.4 49.6 44.6 58.1	36.5 35.5 35.1 40.9	58.7 49.6 51.2 65.4	60.8 52.3 52.7 66.6	44.6 42.5 43.0 50.5
45–64 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	46.9 28.4 38.1 56.4	48.6 29.9 38.9 57.3	31.1 23.0 32.5 40.6	45.4 24.7 33.9 54.1	46.7 25.0 34.0 54.9	32.4 24.4 32.7 39.8	48.3 30.2 41.7 59.0	50.4 32.3 42.9 60.0	30.0 22.1 32.3 41.5
65 years and over									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	27.3 19.7 30.4 42.8	28.4 20.4 31.3 43.8	15.7 14.4 15.5 23.3	26.2 16.5 28.8 43.5	27.0 16.6 29.6 44.0	17.9 16.1 16.6 32.5	28.0 21.5 31.8 42.2	30.1 22.6 32.8 43.6	14.0 13.1 14.5 16.7

Includes unknown income.
 Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.



Table 14. Percent of persons with physician visits in past 12 months by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

Age and family income	Both sexes				Male		Female		
	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages									
All family incomes ¹	74.5 73.8 72.9 76.4	75.1 75.1 73.5 76.5	70.7 70.2 69.3 75.1	70.4 69.8 68.3 72.5	71.0 71.2 68.9 72.6	66.1 65.5 64.7 70.2	78.3 76.7 77.1 80.4	78.8 77.8 77.7 80.5	74.8 73.6 73.7 80.1
Under 17 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	73.0 65.6 70.0 76.5	74.5 71.0 71.3 76.8	65.1 62.1 63.9 71.4	73.7 68.8 69.9 77.4	75.2 72.7 71.5 77.8	65.1 63.2 62.6 71.2	72.3 65.5 70.1 75.5	73.7 69.2 71.1 75.8	65.1 61.1 65.3 71.6
17–44 years									
All family incomes ¹	76.2 78.9 75.3 76.9	76.4 79.5 75.6 76.9	74.6 77.3 73.5 76.5	68.3 70.9 67.0 69.3	68.7 72.6 67.2 69.4	65.3 65.1 65.5 67.8	83.6 84.8 82.8 84.4	83.8 85.0 83.3 84.4	82.3 84.2 80.2 85.1
45–64 years									
All family incomes ¹	72.6 71.3 70.5 74.7	72.6 70.7 70.5 74.6	72.8 73.5 70.2 77.0	68.3 67.5 65.6 70.4	68.2 66.2 65.6 70.3	68.8 71.7 65.9 72.9	76.5 73.3 74.6 79.4	76.6 73.0 74.6 75.3	76.1 74.5 74.8 81.5
65 years and over									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	76.5 75.7 77.0 80.4	76.7 75.8 77.2 80.1	75.3 75.1 74.8 86.9	72.5 70.8 71.3 76.7	72.7 71.3 73.1 76.4	70.6 67.9 72.0 83.8	79.4 78.7 80.6 83.7	81.4 78.5 80.8 83.4	78.9 80.4 77.6 89.6

Includes unknown income.
 Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Table 15. Number of physician visits per person per year by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

Age and family income		Both sexe	s	Male			Female		
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages									
All family incomes ¹	5.0 5.7 4.8 5.0	5.1 5.9 5.0 5.0	4.5 5.1 4.1 4.6	4.3 4.9 4.2 4.3	4.4 5.2 4.4 4.4	3.6 4.0 3.3 3.9	5.6 6.3 5.4 5.7	5.7 6.4 5.5 5.7	5.3 5.9 4.9 5.4
Under 17 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	4.2 3.8 3.8 4.5	4.4 4.5 4.0 4.6	3.1 3.1 2.9 3.1	4.4 4.3 3.8 4.7	4.7 5.1 4.1 4.8	3.1 3.2 2.6 3.1	4.0 3.5 3.7 4.2	4.1 4.0 3.8 4.3	3.1 3.0 3.2 3.0
17–44 years									
All family incomes ¹	5.0 5.9 4.8 5.1	5.1 5.9 4.9 5.1	4.9 5.8 4.4 5.1	3.6 3.9 3.5 3.7	3.7 4.3 3.6 3.7	3.0 2.4 3.1 3.8	6.4 7.3 6.0 6.5	6.4 7.2 6.1 6.5	6.4 7.8 5.5 6.4
45–64 years									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999 \$10,000 and over.	5.5 6.5 5.6 5.3	5.4 6.3 5.7 5.3	6.0 7.6 5.0 5.5	4.8 6.1 5.4 4.6	4.8 6.1 5.6 4.6	4.7 5.9 4.0 4.6	6.0 6.8 5.8 6.1	5.9 6.3 5.8 6.0	7.1 8.5 6.1 6.5
65 years and over									
All family incomes ¹ . Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	6.5 6.6 6.5 7.1	6.5 6.5 6.4 7.0	7.0 6.9 8.1 9.3	6.1 6.1 6.0 6.6	5.9 5.8 5.8 6.5	8.0 8.3 8.4 (2)	6.9 6.9 7.0 7.4	7.1 7.0 7.0 7.4	6.2 5.9 7.8 (2)

Includes unknown income.
 Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.



Table 16. Population, in thousands, used in computing rates shown in this publication, by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

A d C:1:	Both sexes				Male		Female			
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	
All ages										
All family incomes ¹	34,909 51,622	179,808 26,121 44,141 97,265	25,991 8,788 7,481 7,202	99,241 14,501 24,863 52,867	87,012 10,819 21,199 49,194	12,229 3,682 3,663 3,673	106,558 20,408 26,760 51,601	92,796 15,302 22,942 48,072	13,763 5,106 3,818 3,529	
Under 17 years										
All family incomes ¹	8,554	54,010 4,765 13,359 32,206	9,987 3,589 2,951 2,449	32,599 4,243 8,289 17,645	27,594 2,514 6,763 16,397	5,006 1,729 1,526 1,248	31,397 4,111 8,021 17,011	26,416 2,251 6,596 15,809	4,981 1,860 1,425 1,202	
17-44 years										
All family incomes ¹	10,530	69,002 7,847 17,139 40,249	10,015 2,683 3,019 3,391	38,092 4,477 9,571 21,756	33,559 3,494 8,186 20,056	4,532 983 1,385 1,700	40,925 6,053 10,588 21,896	35,442 4,353 8,953 20,203	5,482 1,700 1,634 1,692	
45–64 years									,	
All family incomes ¹	6,343 10,054	38,333 4,968 8,851 21,361	4,201 1,375 1,203 1,185	20,164 2,170 4,582 11,775	18,248 1,684 3,986 11,129	1,916 487 596 646	22,370 4,172 5,472 10,771	20,085 3,284 4,865 10,231	2,285 888 607 540	
65 years and over										
All family incomes ¹	9,682 5,099	18,464 8,541 4,791 3,439	1,789 1,141 309 176	8,386 3,611 2,420 1,691	7,611 3,128 2,264 1,611	775 483 157 80	11,867 6,072 2,679 1,924	10,583 5,413 2,527 1,828	1,014 658 152 96	

 ¹ Includes unknown income.
 2 Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

Table 17. Population, in thousands, used in computing rates shown in this publication, for the currently employed by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

A as and family income	I	Both sexes			Male		Female			
Age and family income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	
All ages 17 years and over										
All family incomes ¹	83,441 9,219 20,543 48,443	74,212 7,217 17,703 44,894	9,228 2,002 2,839 3,549	51,193 4,584 12,453 30,875	46,082 3,635 10,850 28,817	5,111 949 1,603 2,058	32,248 4,635 8,090 17,569	28,131 3,582 6,854 16,078	4,117 1,053 1,236 1,491	
17–44 years										
All family incomes ¹	53,087 5,552 13,483 31,213	46,878 4,352 11,555 28,657	6,209 1,200 1,928 2,556	32,353 2,952 8,226 19,382	28,919 2,370 7,156 17,932	3,434 583 1,071 1,450	20,734 2,599 5,256 11,831	17,959 1,982 4,399 10,725	2,775 617 857 1,106	
45–64 years										
All family incomes ¹	27,260 2,510 6,235 16,371	24,585 1,898 5,399 15,429	2,675 613 837 942	16,852 1,052 3,644 10,823	15,366 784 3,159 10,246	1,487 268 485 577	10,408 1,458 2,591 5,548	9,220 1,113 2,239 5,183	1,188 344 352 365	
65 years and over										
All family incomes ¹ Under \$5,000. \$5,000-9,999. \$10,000 and over.	3,094 1,157 824 859	2,749 967 749 808	345 190 75 51	1,988 571 534 639	1,797 481 534 639	191 98 (2) (2)	1,106 578 243 190	952 487 216 170	154 91 (2) (2)	

¹ Includes unknown income.

² Figure does not meet standards of reliability or pre-

Note: Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutional population.

Table 18. Population, in thousands, used in computing rates shown in this publication for school age 6-16 years by sex, color, age, and family income, United States, 1973

Age and family income	Both sexes				M	ale	Female		
Age and ramily income	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other	Total	White	Other
All ages 6–16 years									
All family incomes ¹	43,605 5,345 10,261 24,814	36,987 2,933 8,235 23,244	6,618 2,412 2,026 1,570	22,060 2,705 5,186 12,551	18,762 1,538 4,135 11,760	3,298 1,167 1,051 791	21,545 2,640 5,075 12,263	18,226 1,395 4,100 11,484	3,320 1,246 975 780

¹ Includes unknown income.